



AGENDA

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **District Council** which will be held at **10.00 am** on **Thursday, 10th December, 2020**

Yours faithfully

Maxine O'Mahony
Executive Director Governance

THIS MEETING WILL BE STREAMED LIVE VIA THE LINK BELOW AND WILL BE ACTIVATED AT THE START OF THE MEETING

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THIS MEETING IS IN LINE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

The Democratic Services Officer to call the roll of Members

Members of the Council requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Council.

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2020.

3. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 5**

To consider the suspension of Standing Order No.5 (Order of Business), to enable the order of business for this meeting to be altered.

4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The duties to register, disclose and not to participate for the entire consideration of the matter, in respect of any matter in which a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011. Members are also required to withdraw from the meeting room as stated in the Standing Orders of this Council.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader of the Council.

7. **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 6**

QUESTION:

Councillor Morton to the Executive Member for Customer Engagement & Member Champion for Breckland Sustainability Strategy:

Can the Cabinet Member for Sustainability confirm that an application for funding under the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme, which closes on 4th December, was made?

Monthly electricity consumption figures show that unmetered street lighting accounts for over a third of our annual usage at 593721 KWh for year ending March 2020. It is encouraging to see the March 2020 figure of 42664 is 12000 down on the previous year. Can the Member for Climate Change confirm if this is expected to continue and what has contributed to this dramatic reduction of 22%?

QUESTION:

Councillor Wickerson to the Executive Member of Planning:

Firstly, thanks to Simon Wood for responding to my Question without Notice from the last Full Council meeting, which, in itself was helpful, but did generate further questions which I hope can be answered in writing accordingly.

Can we please see a comparative report showing similar figures for the past 10 years to enable a full picture of the historic extent of Planning Enforcement workload?

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In addition, it would be helpful to understand how many of the “closed” cases related to genuine Enforcement issues which required full Officer time as opposed to those that were immediately “closed” as not genuinely falling under the auspices of Planning Enforcement.

QUESTION:

Councillor Birt to the Executive Member for Customer Engagement & Member Champion for Breckland Sustainability Strategy:

After some difficulty and delay I have now received the electricity consumption figures which formed the answer to my question raised at the 24 September meeting. These figures are a useful measure to help show our progress in reducing our climate impact. It has been agreed that I will receive regular updates and I suggest these be more widely disclosed to Members and Residents via our website.

This measure is an important 'Key Performance Indicator' but is only a start.

1. What other KPIs will we be able to use?
2. Will data from these KPIs be made available immediately, even if it is provisional or incomplete?

Cllr Birt to Executive Member for Planning:

I would have liked to have asked this question of the Local Plan Working Group; however, they have not met for many months so that has not been possible.

Referring to the Breckland Local Plan, Local Development Scheme (LDS) section 2.3; it states we must keep the LDS under review and the LDS will be monitored on an annual basis, part of which includes a Monitoring Report.

It has been a year since we adopted the Local Plan, so a Monitoring Report is due. Please would the Executive Member for Planning give us a summary of its findings and release the Monitoring Report for inspection.

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 7

9. PLACE BASED MANAGEMENT

Report of Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader of the Council and Nathan Elvery, Head of Paid Service & Strategic Adviser.

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10. REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003)

Report of Councillor Gordon Bambridge, Executive Member for Environmental Services & Public Protection.

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11. CONSTITUTION - NON-KEY OFFICER DECISIONS/LICENSING/SHAREHOLDER AND TRUSTEE ISSUES/CONTRACTS/VACATION OF OFFICE/GRANTS

Report of Councillor Sarah Suggitt, Executive Member for Governance.

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12. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (IF ANY)

To receive nominations for any changes to Committee and other seats from

political groups.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (IF ANY)

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

NOTE: No other business is permitted unless by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chairman is of the opinion that the items(s) should be considered as a matter of urgency.